

REMARKS

First, it is proposed to replace the original specification (including abstract) with the substitute specification submitted herewith in both a marked and a clean version. No new matter has been added.

In addition, it is proposed to amend Claims 1, 7 and 8, the independent claims, by deleting the word “continuous”, which is thought to be unnecessary to the clarity and patentability of the claims.

The recitation of Claim 1 in question, with the proposed change, would read “a controller, arranged to make said converter perform ~~continuous~~ color conversions and hold its color conversion result in a memory so as to generate image data composed of five or more color components”. That is, the change would delete the recitation that the color conversions are continuous. In this regard, it is noted that the Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance do not in any way rely on those conversions being continuous, but only mention the recitations in the last paragraph of the independent claims (“wherein ... perform the second color conversion”).

Similarly, Applicant has not during prosecution relied on or argued patentability based on the conversions being continuous.

Moreover, Applicant notes that the application as filed clearly contains support both for these conversions being continuous, and for the conversions not necessarily being continuous. See, for example, page 18, lines 15-17, of the application as filed, and Fig. 9. In addition, it is believed that deleting the term “continuous”, as proposed above, will improve the clarity of the claim language.

Accordingly, it is believed to be clear that the proposed changes do not affect the allowability of the claims, and that the claims with the proposed changes are fully supported in the application as filed.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Allowance be entered.

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